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NO BREAK WITH U. S., AUSTRIANS PLEAD; AMERICANS IN GERMANY RUSH TO BERLIN

AMERICAN SOLDIERS FIGHT MEXICANS AT SUPPLY BASE, WORD RECEIVED AT BORDER

Battle With Carranza Troops Waged at Casas Grandes, El Paso Hears.

U. S. FORCE HEMMED IN.

New Orders Sent Pershing After Scott and Funston Confer.

EL PASO, Tex., April 22.—(Herald) are current here of fighting at Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, between Mexican and American troops. Neither Brig. Gen. Bell nor Gen. Gaviro, Carranza's commander at Juarez, has received confirmation.

The last reports showed only a few hundred Carranza soldiers at Casas Grandes, which has been the chief American base of supplies in Mexico and the point of greatest danger to Gen. Pershing's detachments if taken. The American forces between Casas Grandes and Colonia Morales, thirty miles away, are believed to exceed 1,500.

Army men here are alarmed at Gen. Pershing's position in view of the hostility of Carranza and the definite announcement that American troops will meet armed resistance if they proceed south of Parral, where Carranza is gathering a large force. Despatches declare the entire Carranza garrison at Colonia Morales, in the State of Sonora, has suddenly evacuated that city and rushed to Parral.

Constant shifting of Carranza's forces in Northern Mexico points to a steady closing in on Gen. Pershing's detachment. The latest move of the Carranzistas to menace the Americans is the statement made by Gen. Gaviro that he has divided his forces in Juarez and will send part of his troops to Madera, Chihuahua, "to make stronger the lines of Carranza extending north and south through Western Mexico."

Madera is on the Mexico Northern Railroad, south of Casas Grandes, the chief field supply base of Gen. Pershing's army. A force cutting the line at Madera would cut off from supplies all American camps south of Madera and north of Bachi-jibá.

Gen. Pershing has left an infantry command of unknown numbers at Madera, which could give a good account of itself in the event of hostilities.

Luis Herrera, commanding 1,400 seasoned Carranza troops well armed and equipped, has divided his forces, sending one column west of Parral and another south of that town, thus hemming in any troops of Gen. Pershing's army which might try to advance south in pursuit of Villa, according to a private message from Parral to-day.

Gen. Luis Blanco, Panfilo Naretta, Carrera, Torres and two others, formerly connected with the Carranza cause, have been executed at the Guadalajara penitentiary, it is reported. They are said to have conspired against the First Chief, presumably with the Felix Diaz party.

Reports are in circulation that both the Carranza Government and the Diaz revolutionary movement have used German money. Charges that Villa's Columbus raid was inspired by German agents brought the statement that he had heard reports Villa was financed by Germans to bring war between the United States and Mex-

GIRL TELLS HOW ESCORT WAS SHOT BY SLAIN ROBBER

Miss Schlein Describes Hold-up Resulting in Death of One, Wounding of Two.

The body of the highwayman who was killed last night by Patrolman McGovern in Highbridge, the Bronx, was identified to-day as Irving Meng, twenty-six years old, an ex-convict, who was sent to the reformatory when he was nineteen years and, according to the police, spent most of the rest of his life in prison.

Marion Schlein, the eighteen-year-old girl who saw her escort, John Schwenker, and Patrolman McGovern shot by Meng before the policeman's bullet dropped the highwayman, told the story of the attempted hold-up to an Evening World reporter to-day.

Miss Schlein lives with her father, mother and brother at No. 623 Courtland Avenue, and Schwenker lives at No. 364 Courtland Avenue. She is a forewoman in a silk manufactory at One Hundred and Forty-ninth Street and Brook Avenue, the Bronx.

"Joe and I have been keeping company for five months," she said. "Last night we started out to buy Easter baskets. We had started down River avenue for home, when suddenly two men jumped out in front of us and one, the shorter of the two, held a revolver at Joe's breast.

"Throw up your hands and don't say a word," he said. "Not a word, not a word." Joe grinned and put up his hands slowly. I was dumb with fright. Then the short man, who appeared to be directing everything, said to the other: "Take the girl away." The man laid hands on me, then Joe, without a word, sprang on the short man and punched him with his fist. I heard a shot and heard Joe cry: "My heart! My heart!"

"Usually, when I get frightened, I cannot do anything but just stand still helplessly. But when I heard Joe cry I screamed at the top of my voice, unmindful of the men's commands to shut up. I could hear footsteps coming toward us; then the highwayman turned and ran. A policeman rushed by me, calling out to the men to halt. Then I heard two shots four or five blocks away. Then people came to me and some of them stopped to look at Joe, while others hurried on after the policeman."

Patrolman McGovern dropped, struck by a bullet, as one of the fugitives fell dead. The second highwayman was pursued by the crowd, but escaped. The policeman was shot in the head, but his exit prevented the bullet penetrating the brain. Schwenker was shot just above the heart.

DEMOCRATIC LEADER IN STATE SENATE WHO IS NAMED AS POSTMASTER



ROBERT F. WAGNER.

IF YOU WANT PEACE, WIRE VON BERNSTORFF

United States Senator Huston So Telegraphs Some of His Constituents in Wisconsin.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Americans desiring to avoid war were advised to-day by Senator Huston of Wisconsin to write to German Ambassador von Bernstorff. They should urge him to use his influence to secure strict observance of international law by his Government.

"No one is more desirous of keeping this country out of war than I am," the Senator said in a telegram to Fred Faber and other constituents of Oconomowoc, Wis., who had wired him. "But war can best be avoided by wrong yielding to right, and not by right yielding to wrong. I would therefore suggest that you write the German Ambassador of the fervent desire of all Americans that their country remain at peace, and that peace can best be preserved by the strict observance on the part of the Imperial Government of provisions of international law governing naval warfare. I would further suggest that you wire the Ambassador of our American sympathy, and our solidarity of their Government in this crisis."

EASTER WEATHER LOOKS DUBIOUS TO FORECASTER

New York Streets Likely to Be Sloppy—Outlook for New Jersey More Cheerful.

The weather forecast for Easter is dubious. The Weather Bureau predictions issued officially foretell "partly cloudy weather," following continuous showers to-day and probably tonight. The wind will shift frequently after the showers, settling in the west to-morrow. The temperature will rise slightly.

A separate forecast for New Jersey predicts fresh west winds, moderate temperature and the same discouraging clouds, but without the rains and drizzle which threaten to make New York streets sloppy.

G. Mayer, the Hoboken gismologist, may take some comfort as he can from this verification of his recent prophecy based on his friends, the "Wireless Heavenly Messengers."

The old-fashioned gardeners of Long Island who followed the tradition that it is always safe to plant early peas in Town Election day in the hope of seeing them well above ground by Easter are preparing to repent. Those who waited a week or ten days are triumphant; their peas are showing through the earth.

ROBERT F. WAGNER NOMINATED FOR N. Y. POSTMASTER

President Sends State Senator's Name to the Senate This Afternoon.

O'GORMAN AGREEABLE.

Minority Leader Says He Hesitates to Accept Because of Pressing Personal Business.

Special to The Evening World.—WASHINGTON, April 22.—Robert F. Wagner, leader of the minority in the New York State Senate, was nominated for Postmaster of the city of New York by President Wilson to-day. His name was sent to the Senate this afternoon. The nomination of a candidate to succeed Edward M. Morgan, who has had the office as holdover incumbent for several months, poses a puzzling problem for the Administration since opposition developed to the man of the President's first choice, Joseph Johnson, formerly New York City Comptroller.

It was announced at the White House that the appointment of Senator Wagner was entirely satisfactory to Senator James A. O'Gorman, who was sponsor for Mr. Johnson. The name of Senator Wagner had been suggested several times during the period of the delay over the nomination, but had been withdrawn as many times at the instance of Senator Wagner himself.

When Senator Wagner was asked in his office at No. 31 Chambers Street this afternoon regarding the Washington dispatch, telling of his appointment, he said: "I consider it a very high compliment—very high indeed. It is an honor that I appreciate more than words can tell. But I have a great amount of personal business to attend to, which would have to be sacrificed were I to become Postmaster. It is doubtful, therefore, whether I shall be able to accept the nomination."

Senator Robert F. Wagner was born in Germany and was brought to New York in his early childhood by his parents, who were in humble circumstances. They settled in the Yorkville district of Manhattan and the Senator still lives there, at Eighty-sixth Street and Second Avenue.

Senator Wagner is eligible to the Ex-Newsday Association, for he sold papers in the street when he was in kindergarten. He passed through the public schools, attended the College of the City of New York and was graduated in law with high honors.

Naturally interested in politics, Senator Wagner became active in the district Tammany organization as soon as he was old enough to vote. He became popular in the district and was elected to the Assembly for two terms.

Mr. Wagner's record in the Assembly was excellent and earned him the nomination for the State Senate in 1906. He has served uninterruptedly since he succeeded Thomas P. Grady as leader of the Democratic membership of that body. After the impeachment of Gov. Sulzer Senator Wagner, by virtue of his position as chairman pro tem of the Senate, became Lieutenant Governor under Gov. Glynn.

Senator Wagner has been a constructive and progressive legislator, and has earned the respect of his political opponents for his readiness in debate and his reasonableness. He attracted the attention of Ward's clerk found Five Cent Race Ball and has been active in many legislative movements for the benefit of the city.

Pope's Easter Message to the American People Is a Prayer for Peace



POPE BENEDICT XV.

The Pope's message, carried through the medium of Cardinal Gasparri, Secretary of State.

"PEACE be with you—these sweet words the risen Saviour spoke to the Apostles, the Holy Father re-addresses to all men.

"May the nations at peace preserve it, thanking God for so great a blessing.

"May those at war presently, laying down the sword, end the slaughter dishonoring Europe and humanity."

Without referring to the German-American crisis, the Pontiff makes the Easterday the occasion for an appeal to all nations now neutral to refrain from entering the world war.

HOSPITAL PHONE GIRL PREVENTS FIRE PANIC

Warns Nurses, Then Gives Alarm When Flames Start in Adjacent Building.

The quick wit of Miss Jennie Huntington, telephone operator in the Fordham Hospital, saved 150 patients from danger of panic this afternoon and helped to put out a fire next door before it got much headway.

Miss Huntington saw flames coming from the top floor of No. 2540 Cambridge Avenue, which adjoins the rear of the hospital. She telephoned Police Headquarters. Policeman Hawkins sent in a still alarm. Then she telephoned the hospital nurses on all the floors to get the patients away from the windows and shut out the smoke. The patients were not alarmed. The fire was soon put out. It was in the apartment of Mrs. Mary Wolfman, who escaped with her children unhurt.

D. C. WILLIAMS NAMED POSTMASTER OF CHICAGO

Wilson Ends Long Contest for Office by Appointing Close Friend of Burleson.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Dixie C. Williams was nominated by President Wilson to-day as Postmaster of Chicago.

Mr. Williams is a close friend of Postmaster General Burleson. Senator Lewis recommended four German-Americans, whom he said would be satisfactory to him. Mr. Williams was not on the list.

WILSON'S U-BOAT DEMANDS PUBLISHED AT LAST IN BERLIN; AMERICANS SEEKING HELP

Press Comment on the Situation Is Guarded and Official Opinion Is Silenced Pending Final Decision of the Kaiser and His Advisers.

MAY HAVE GONE TOO FAR, A HINT IN ONE PAPER

ROME, April 22.—Austria will bring strong pressure to bear to prevent Germany from breaking with the United States, it was learned here to-day from neutral diplomatic sources.

Hungarian statesmen in particular desire that Germany yield to the United States rather than bring matters to a break. It was their influence that caused Austria to back down completely in the Ancona negotiations with the United States.

BERLIN, April 22.—American officials here to-day were confronted with the problem of what to do with Americans arriving in Berlin from interior cities of Germany because of reports that Germany and the United States are on the verge of a break.

United States Consul General Lay held a long conference with Ambassador Gerard on this subject this morning. Gerard said he had received no instructions from Washington regarding the 1,000 Americans now in Germany.

Consul Lay cabled to Washington that 500 of the Americans now in Germany are without sufficient funds to carry them to neutral countries in the event of a break. Many of them, he cabled, are already besieging his office and that of American Consuls, asking that they be supplied with funds. He asked that Washington send him immediate instruction. Many Americans will remain even if a break occurs.

The American note is being further considered to-day by Emperor Wilhelm, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and Major Gen. von Falkenhayn, Chief of the General Staff, at General Headquarters. It appears in the newspapers this afternoon, and for the first time the German public has had a chance to see the message.

Germany's answer is likely to be delayed by some parleys and requests for further information on certain points, according to the Lokal Anzeiger.

"We insist on the right to hit our foes in the weakest spot," said the Anzeiger. "Nevertheless, we want peace with the great people across the water, just as we have not wanted war with our present foes."

"An agreement with the United States should be possible, even across the ocean. We re-emphasize that it is possible we have overstepped our right to safeguard our vital interests and honor. However, we reserve the right to state our viewpoint when we have exact knowledge of the note."

Prior to the publication of the note the newspapers were permitted to print nothing concerning it except one despatch sent from Washington by an English news agency on Wednesday. This message was cabled before that day's session of Congress, and apparently was intended to prepare the people for the note itself.

The Lokal Anzeiger endeavors to take a fairly optimistic view of the situation, but it declares that as England is endeavoring to starve this country Germany cannot give up the right of self defense.

Other Berlin newspapers have published similar statements.

500 Men Thrown Out of Work.—The National Sulphur Co. and the Ludlow Electric Co. closed down their manufacturing plants at Roxbury, N. J., to-day because of a strike, and threw out 500 men of employment. Some 3,000 of the National Sulphur Co. employees, which will not be resumed until the strike is ended, to avoid the recent wage scale of \$2.30 a day.

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